

Joanna Stubinski May 5,1972 1 1/2 hours

1. Mrs.Austin Moore
 2. Toots
 3. Armstrong
 4. Pumping Station, Sass Lake
 5. 8135
 6. 61 yrs. born 1910
 7. Cobalt on Silver Queen Prop.
 8. Father in Nipissing Village - Mother near Powassan
 9. Cobalt
 10. Born here. Mother came in 1909. But father surveyed through here in 1904-05 and his family moved here in 1906.
 11. came by train
 12. ONR
 13. just parents
 14. mined
 15. I took a business course during the depressinn time but never got to use it. I worked at Murphy's mill as chore girl for 2 summers
 16. Pump operator for 21 years
 17. housewife
 18. I still think there's no place like Cobalt. Really enjoyed growing up here. 'I first lived out at Moose Lake, then we moved to town lived down Swamp St. not far from Koza's. I remember the first strike. This was really the first downfall of Cobalt in 1918 or 1919. I was really frightened men were fighting on the street. I really never knew any other place so that's why I loved it so much, I remember moving into the new high school in 1927. Also remember when I went to school over TTL. One night the Hunter Block burnt and what a mess. It was during the war. The next morning going to school there was ice and hoses all over. We even watched them carry a dead man out, he was so badly burnt they carried the pieces out in a basket.
 19. Lavery's boardinghouse down Swamp St. I went to school with the family. Mrs. Lavery ran it. Bill owns Lavery's Jewellers in New Likeard. I went to school at Moose Lake. Will never forget how one girl called me a pig's monkey. I was only 7 at the time. I was so mad I called her an asshole. She told the teacher. The teacher said she was going to give me the strap, so I went home and told dad. He said I didn't have to stay there so I didn't got to school until I was 9, when we moved to Cobalt.
- The pump house was moved, it used to be closer to the lake, then they moved it across the road. It was here in 1917 the first man to run it was Raegan.He left in 1921, then Bolan, Thornes, Murphy's, Pierce. There was a dam built from the pump house to island. A bridge went across. I was 15 at the first Old Timers Reunion in 1924. I still have a pennant and button from it. It was really a big brawl. Pavillions were built along the streets. In the shirt tale parade. One highlander when I knew and found out some of them wore nothing under their Kilts.
- My full name was Mary Elizabeth my uncle named me Toots He picked me up

in his hand. I weighed 3 1/2 lbs. At school I was called Betty or Bessy. I remember all my school friends from Argentite St. mostly Argentite St. Argentite St. was packed with boarding houses and hotels. The Chinese Laundry isn't as old as they think it is. I remember when Fred a Polish fellow lived there. He had a lot of girl friends I remember a prostitute that lived there with him for awhile here name was "Silver Tits. Mary Auger also spent a lot time there. There was a chinaman from the North Bay House who wore a long scarf and always carried a striped pillow bag. He used to give us kids leichi nuts. They sure were good. Old Tom Riley had a bar with spitoons on the floor. I went in once for Tobacco for my dad and Tom put me out. He also said I couldn't go in because I wore overalls. Wilson's livery barn used to be a theatre. The upstairs of it opened onto the next street, the vaudeville people used to change their clothes there.

, At the end of Argentite St. Tittensore owned a big building, they had all kinds of oil barrels outside. Marvin my brother was playing there one day. He sure cut himself badly. There was a huge sand pile up to Silver St. we played there. All the sand has blown away now.

Mother made me bloomers and midies. I wore them once to slide on the sandpile. My blummers turned white from the arsenic in the sand I sure got hell. The old green house that still stands across from the arena. A woman called Pipe Line Lizzy lived there. A member of parliament used to stay there when he came to town. There was a settlement of Englishmen and Scotchmen behind the arena.

20. Parents came because of mining

21. mining and logging some farming my dad did logging

22. Helped in the cookery and Murphy's mill Latchford - 12 hours a day

23. \$30. a month and board

24. lived in the other half of Etta White's house

25. Parents ran the cookery at Moose Lake. I was 4 years old when I remember this. Our room was off the cookery and we had to go down u3 steps. Just at the bottom of the steps we had our tree. Mom used to light the candles for me and they shone on tiny cones. These were grooved candles that sat in metal clamps. I also remember go to Tommy Black's with mom to pick Celia and Eileen's presents. I really cried, because I found out there was no Santa. It was my saddest X-mas

26. In house except at Moose Lake carried water and went to the outdoor. At night I would take the dog and lantern, really thought that was terrific

27. lamps and lantern at Moose Lake only

28. Wood stove - still have one

29. Wood and coal

30. More shops than now. Lang St. was a maze of stores. From the bank to the top of the bridge we called Syrian Town. I also remember when it burnt down 54 years ago. After the fire mother went to the fire sale and bought material

31. the shows. Went every Sat. it cost 10¢ Also had dancing at the IODE had a Rose Ball every New Year'so Mrs. Mitchel was in charge of it.

32. Hockey - races - rink skating. My sister Eileen played hockey for the girls team. She was their goal tender
33. Went to school in Cobalt in kindergarten I went over the pop factory and remember making change out of colored paper then moved in basement of old public school. Went to High school over TTL then in 1927 moved to new one.
34. 11 years
- 35-. horse and buggies - street cars and trains and cars. The two meat markets had boys delivering with a 2 wheel cart & horse
36. Dr. C.Hare
37. I was in visiting a frame building front part upstairs was a ward with a verandah off it. The back part another ward with a verandah. The maternity ward opened up onto the lawn.
38. Cobalt.
39. Lee - finished High. Maureen Teacher's College. Grant - never finished High school. Spencer - grade 12. Wendy still in school
40. Lee - funeral director Kirkland Lake. Maureen - married and teaching in North Bay. Grant - hydro New Liskeard. Spencer - Mod clothing shop in Toronto. Wendy - Cobalt High
42. I remember the rock drilling in fact the rock is still standing in the ball park.
45. Skirts & midi's dresses
46. One better dress
47. Sunday school - played around after usually on the road
48. Pennant - my first shoes I wore my first boots and mitts when I started to walk. A pair of mocassins that grandmother made. Also an item from each of the kids - mostly clothing.
49. I have an inborn feeling for Cobalt. I just never wanted to leave.
50. Just love it.
51. I like the way the town is fixed up. Tearing down buildings, also like the public school
52. no
53. no.
54. yes
56. A better playground for children and anything that will better the town
57. Always hated November because mother died in that month but really enjoy the rest of the year.
58. Watch TV, I never went out too much
59. Gardening and sewing. I used to paint a bit, but since my stroke I can't anymore.
60. A secondary industry, but not sure of what type
61. tourists
62. Its historical background and the people.

Highlights

Toots has a fabulous memory. She talked on and on about different people and

especially her school friends. Her pennant she still has from the 1924 reunion
has on it Cobalt
Old Timers Reunion
1904-1924
June 28th '-July 1st
Mom paid 25¢ for-said Toots.
cried and cried till she bought it for me.